

**Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy**  
**Recent Media Reports**  
**K2, Bath Salts, and Salvia divinorum**

- In June 2010, 18-year-old David Rozga, of Indianola, Iowa, smoked the synthetic cannabinoids “K2” and appeared to suffer a panic attack. Soon after, he went home and shot and killed himself.

<http://www.thepostgame.com/features/201103/k2-gains-popularity-among-athletes-similar-high-pot-no-positive-drug-test>

- In November 2010, Dickie Sanders, a 21-year-old from St. Tammeny, LA, shot and killed himself three days after sniffing “Cloud 9,” one of the names under which MDPV or “bath salts” are sold. Prior to this, Mr. Sanders had slit his throat with a kitchen knife while under the influence of the “bath salts.”

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40797021/ns/health-addictions/>

- In January 2011, Neil Brown of Fulton, MS, took a skinning knife and slit his face and stomach repeatedly during hallucinations that occurred after getting high on “bath salts.” He didn’t die, but was so shaken by the terrifying hallucinations that he wrote a newspaper to urge people to stay away from “bath salts.”

[http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/01/23/officials\\_bath\\_salts\\_are\\_growing\\_drug\\_problem/](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/01/23/officials_bath_salts_are_growing_drug_problem/)

- In March 2011, twenty-one year old New Yorker, Ryan Santanna, smoked Salvia divinorum with his girlfriend and after lying down on the balcony of his 15<sup>th</sup> floor apartment pretending to swim like a fish suddenly jumped up and hopped over the fence, leaping to his death. His girlfriend reported that just prior to him jumping, Ryan stared at her but she felt like he wasn’t even seeing her.

[http://articles.nydailynews.com/2011-03-08/local/28686445\\_1\\_salvia-balcony-smoking](http://articles.nydailynews.com/2011-03-08/local/28686445_1_salvia-balcony-smoking)

- In August 2010, 28 year-old Lilly Helsley, a mother of two from Middletown, Indiana, died after smoking the synthetic cannabinoid “Spice.”

<http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-spice-death-080410,0,1021879.story?track=rss>

- On January 5, 2011, Omaha, Nebraska high school student Robert Butler shot two school administrators, killing one, before killing himself. Butler had K2 in his system at the time of the shootings.

<http://www.kmtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13935881>

- In August 2010, Bryan Roudebush, attacked his girlfriend and tried to throw her off an 11<sup>th</sup> floor balcony. He claims he was high on “Spice” at the time. He has no memory of the attack.

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20100818\\_Man\\_blames\\_synthetic\\_pot\\_as\\_he\\_admits\\_to\\_attack.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20100818_Man_blames_synthetic_pot_as_he_admits_to_attack.html)

- In August 2010, a group of teens in Morgan County, Indiana, were investigated as possible suspects in a string of burglaries during which they targeted “Spice”/”K2.” They also admitted to smoking “Spice” before or during the burglaries.

<http://www.indianas4.com/wxin-spice-related-break-ins-081810,0,7013435.story>

- In January 2006, Brett Chidester, a 17-year-old from Delaware committed suicide by asphyxiating himself. His parents believe that his use of Salvia divinorum changed the way his brain worked and was a contributing factor in his suicide. They have since launched a campaign to have the drug outlawed nationally.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/story?id=3685391&page=1>